

Planning a Wedding in Snow Canyon State Park

Thank you for your interest in Snow Canyon. The park's natural setting and scenic backdrop make it a popular location for weddings. All weddings, regardless of size, require a Special Use Permit. Before contacting the park regarding a permit please review the following criteria and fees (exceptions will not be made):

Criteria

1. **Requests must be submitted a minimum of three-weeks before your proposed event.**
Requests may be made for the current calendar year only.
2. Group size may not exceed 50 people and 10 vehicles. Weddings exceeding 50 people are not permitted.
3. Groups of 25 or fewer people can choose from one of the following locations:
 - a. Snow Canyon Overlook* (duration is limited to 1-hour or less)
 - b. Petrified Dunes* (parking may be limited to five vehicles depending upon the date)
 - c. Lower Galoot
 - d. Sand Dunes*

* These locations are still open to the general public and cannot be reserved for exclusive use.
4. Groups larger than 26 (and not exceeding 50 people) can **only** use (and reserve) Lower Galoot.
5. No more than one wedding permit will be issued for any given date (i.e. once a date has been booked by a wedding party, regardless of time and location, it cannot be booked by another group).
6. Due to heavy visitation, high visitor demand and limited parking, wedding permits will not be issued for the following dates:
 - a. January 18 - 20 (Martin Luther King Holiday weekend)
 - b. February 15 - 17 (President's Day Holiday weekend)
 - c. March 14 - 22 (Washington County Spring Break)
 - d. March 28 - April 5 (Davis/Morgan Counties Spring Break)
 - e. April 11 - 13 (Easter Holiday weekend)
 - f. May 2 (Ironman St. George)
 - g. October 3 (St. George Marathon)
 - h. October 5, 6, and 9 (Huntsman Sr. Games)
 - i. October 16 - 17 (Fall Break/UEA)
 - j. November 7 (Snow Canyon Half Marathon)
 - k. November 27 - 28 (Thanksgiving Weekend)
7. Hiking is on designated trails only. Your ceremony, wedding party photos, or other wedding activities cannot take place off-trail.
8. Drones, pets, generators, PA systems, and blue tooth (or other sound systems) are prohibited.
9. Use / throwing of rice, birdseed, confetti or other items is prohibited.
10. Wood burning is prohibited. Use of candles or other flammable items is also prohibited.
11. Signs, balloons, and other temporary markers are not permitted.

Fees

1. Non-refundable Filing Fee: \$100. Note: This fee is typically handled via phone/credit card once your request has been submitted and date has been approved; do not e-mail any credit card information.
2. Lower Galoot Reservation: \$60 up to three hours and an additional \$20 per hour for every hour thereafter.
3. Park Day Use: \$10 per vehicle. Note: This fee is also applicable to florists, caterers, and other vehicles entering the canyon to assist with your event.

As well, please note that if you hire a professional photographer or videographer they are required to purchase an Annual Professional Photography Pass. Please direct your photographer to:

<https://stateparks.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2019/09/Professional-Photography-in-Snow-Canyon-Sept-2019.pdf>

Application Process

If your proposed plans fall within the criteria and you are able to meet the outlined fees please email (to all three addresses listed below) the following information a minimum of three weeks in advance of your proposed event:

1. Date(s); a secondary date is advised in case your first date is unavailable.
2. Location.
3. Arrival and departure times.
4. Approximate number of guests and vehicles. **No more than 50 people and 10 vehicles are permitted. We will not accommodate weddings that exceed this limit.**
5. Name, address, phone number and e-mail address for **both** partners (please indicate who should be listed as the primary contact on the permit).
6. Any additional details relevant to your event (setting up chairs, awnings, tables, caterers, etc).
7. Business name, contact person, address, and phone number of any professional photographer, videographer, caterer, or other professionals you will be hiring to assist with your event.

Please note we are not wedding planners. We strongly advise that you visit the park to assess parking and site conditions (prior to submitting your permit request) to determine the best fit for your event. You can review a copy of our park brochure and park boundaries at:

https://stateparks.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2018/05/Snow-Canyon-Brochure-2018_web.pdf

If you would like additional information on the park or have general questions please feel free to phone 435-628-2255. Any of the full-time staff can assist you with your questions or permit requests:

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